

HOUSE BILL No. 2456

AN ACT concerning probate; relating to when a decedent's will and affidavit may be filed; amending K.S.A. 59-618a and repealing the existing section.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

Section 1. K.S.A. 59-618a is hereby amended to read as follows: 59-618a. (a) Any person possessing a decedent's will may file in the district court of the county of the decedent's last residence the decedent's will and an affidavit which complies with subsection (b) if the decedent's *probate* estate contains no *known* real or *personal* property ~~and~~ or the value of the *known real and personal property in the* decedent's *probate* estate is less than the total of all *known* demands enumerated in K.S.A. 59-1301 and amendments thereto.

(b) An affidavit filed pursuant to this section shall state: (1) The name, residence address and date and place of death of the decedent; (2) the names, addresses and relationships of all the decedent's heirs, legatees and devisees which are known to the affiant after a diligent search and inquiry; (3) the name and address of any trustee of any trust established under the will; (4) the property left by the decedent and its approximate valuation; (5) the approximate amount and nature of any demands enumerated in K.S.A. 59-1301 and amendments thereto which were outstanding against the decedent's estate upon the decedent's death; (6) that the will is being filed with the district court for the purpose of preserving it for record in the event that probate proceedings are later required; and (7) that a copy of the affidavit and will has been mailed to each heir, legatee and devisee named in the affidavit.

(c) Any will filed pursuant to this section within a period of six months after the death of the testator may be admitted to probate after such six-month period.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 59-618a is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.

I hereby certify that the above BILL originated in the HOUSE, and passed that body

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*Speaker of the House.*

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*Chief Clerk of the House.*

Passed the SENATE \_\_\_\_\_

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*President of the Senate.*

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*Secretary of the Senate.*

APPROVED \_\_\_\_\_

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*Governor.*